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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, BQG (HESS, RUDOLF)

SUBJECT:SOVIET RESPONSE TO ALLIED DEMARCHE ON HESS

REF: STATE 150183

1. DURING A CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS ON JULY 7 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR VASEV DELIVERED THE SOVIET RESPONSE TO THE DEMARCHE ON THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST (REFTEL). AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE COURTESY TEXT OF THE ORAL STATEMENT LEFT BY VASEV IS REPORTED BELOW.

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2. VASEV DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE REPLY AND LUERS DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER.

3. TEXT OF SOVIET REPLY: "HESS IS A SYMBOL OF GERMAN NAZIISM AND THE EVIL DEEDS IT COMMITTED AGAINST HUMANITY. IN THE YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT, AS IS KNOWN, HE HAS IN NO WAY REPENTED. FOR THIS REASON THE PARDONING OF HESS WOULD IN-

EVITABLY BE TAKEN IN THE ENTIRE WORLD AS A FORM OF AMNESTY
WITH REGARD TO NAZIISM AND FASCISM, ENCOURAGING ALL THOSE
WHO SCORN THE LESSONS OF HISTORY. THE FREEING OF HESS WOULD
BE UNDERSTOOD NEITHER BY THE SOVIET PEOPLE NOR OTHER PEOPLES."
CHRISTOPHER

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